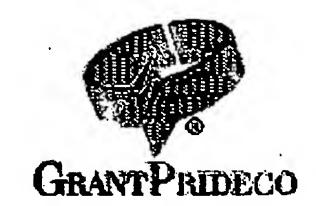
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This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office communication mailed November 28, 2005 for which the shortened-statutory period for response is set to expire December 28, 2005.

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The Office required Applicants to elect for prosecution on the merits one of two distinct species of the claimed invention:

Group I, Claims 1-23 drawn to a method. Class 29, sub-class 890.043.

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Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-23 drawn to a method, classified in Class 29, sub-class 890,043 for prosecution on the merits without traverse. Consequently, Applicants request claims 24 44 be withdrawn from consideration.

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